

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF CARTHAGE, MISSOURI
May 10, 2022

The Carthage City Council met in regular session on the above date in the Council Chambers at 6:30 P.M. with Mayor Dan Rife presiding. Fire Chief Ryan Huntley gave the invocation and Police Chief Bill Hawkins led the flag salute.

The following Council Members answered roll call: David Armstrong, Trudy Blankenship, Ceri Otero, Robin Blair, Alan Snow, Ed Hardesty, Ed Barlow, Mark Elliff, Robin Harrison, and Brandi Ensor. City Administrator Greg Dagnan and City Attorney Nate Dally were also present.

The following Department Heads were present: Police Chief Bill Hawkins, Fire Chief Ryan Huntley, Public Works Director Zeb Carney, Parks & Recreation Director Mark Peterson and City Clerk Traci Cox.

Mr. Elliff made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Harrison to approve the minutes of the April 26, 2022 Council Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Rife presented a Proclamation for Tim Hill Day.

No Citizens were present to speak during Citizen's Participation Period.

Mr. Snow reported the Budget Ways & Means Committee met on May 9 to discuss budget perfection. Sales and use tax revenues were also reviewed.

Mrs. Harrison reported the Committee on Insurance, Audit and Claims met on this date and approved the claims. Mrs. Harrison made a motion, seconded by Mr. Armstrong, to approve the HR Coordinator job description as amended. Motion carried. Mrs. Harrison made a motion, seconded by Mr. Armstrong, to approve the City Clerk job description. Motion carried.

Mr. Barlow reported the Public Safety Committee is between meetings with the next meeting scheduled for May 16.

Ms. Otero reported that the Public Services Committee is between meetings with the next meeting scheduled for May 17.

Ms. Ensor reported the Public Works Committee met on May 3. C.B. 22-22 addresses changing Caroline Street to Harlow Street which was approved in 2019 but a council bill was not prepared at the time. A 1997 Chevy one-ton truck and a 1999 Layton asphalt machine was declared surplus and will be donated to the Diamond Special Road District. This appears in Resolution 1965.

Special Committee and Board Liaison Reports were given by Mrs. Harrison for Vision Carthage, Mr. Elliff for the Jasper County Commission, and Ms. Ensor for the Carthage Public Library.

Mayor Rife reported on budget meetings and the upcoming MML Conference.

During reports of Council Members, Mr. Armstrong expressed his appreciation to Tim Hill for his service to the City. He also stated he felt the Chamber of Commerce request for funds for the 2023 Budget Year should be decreased to the previously agreed upon amount of \$25,000.

City Attorney Nate Dally thanked Tim Hill for his service.

Public Works Director Zeb Carney commended Tim Hill for his exemplary work ethic throughout the years, noting he will be greatly missed.

Parks & Recreation Director Mark Peterson discussed a new City of Carthage app that will be going live.

City Administrator Greg Dagnan reported on the following: budget meetings, discussions with the state regarding Peachtree CID, update on council chamber technology improvements, economic development meetings, a meeting with the Jasper County Special Road District board, a future meeting with the Fire District Board, sales and use tax revenues, a future Region M board meeting to be held in Carthage, and repairs to the front of City Hall.

The Committee on Claims filed a report in the amount of \$5,659,356.66 against the following funds: General Revenue \$678,754.40, Public Health \$9.94, Lodging Tax \$91,009.00, Public Safety \$1,552.31, Parks/Stormwater \$198,134.21, Golf \$3,515.83, Capital Improvements \$3,515.83, Parks & Recreation \$182,580.53, Parks and Recreation \$18.87, Myers Park \$83,040.50, Library \$50,000.00, Payroll \$370,741.07, and Water & Electric \$4,000,000.00. Mrs. Harrison made a motion, seconded by Mr. Elliff to accept the report and allow the claims. Motion carried.

Under old business, C. B. 22-20 – An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to execute a Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Carthage and the Jasper County Sheriff's Office providing for prisoner housing for inmates with Municipal charges was placed on second reading followed by a roll call vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Ayes: Armstrong, Barlow, Blair, Blankenship, Elliff, Ensor, Hardesty, Harrison, Otero, and Snow. The Council Bill was approved and numbered Ordinance 22-21

C. B. 22-21 – An Ordinance authorizing a Special Use Permit for the operation of a carnival to be located at the Fair Acres Sports Complex (East George Phelps Blvd.), in conjunction with the 2022 Carthage Maple Leaf parade in the City of Carthage, Jasper County, Missouri was placed on second reading followed by a roll call vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Ayes: Armstrong, Barlow, Blair, Blankenship, Elliff, Ensor, Hardesty,

Harrison, Otero, and Snow. The Council Bill was approved and numbered Ordinance 22-22.

Under new business, C. B. 22-22 – An Ordinance declaring the name of Caroline Street is changed to Harlow Street, as recommended by the Public Works Committee on April 16, 2019 in the City of Carthage, Missouri was placed on first reading with no action taken.

Mr. Armstrong made a motion, seconded by Ms. Otero to approve the Mayor's Appointments as follows: the re-appointment of Stephen Beimdiek to the Carthage Water & Electric Plant Board until May 2026, the re-appointment of Stephanie Howard until May 2027 and the appointment of Greg Dagnan until September 2024 to the Enhanced Enterprise Zone Board, the appointment of Alan Bull until November 2022 and Joshua Anderson until May 2026 to the Planning, Zoning, & Historic Preservation Commission, the appointment of Traci Cox and Mark Elliff to the Economic Development Committee until July 2022, and the appointment of Traci Cox and Ed Hardesty to the Lodging Tax Appropriation Committee. Motion carried.

Mr. Armstrong made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Harrison, to approve Resolution 1965 – A Resolution approving the declaration of certain materials and pieces of equipment as surplus to the city's needs and authorizing their disposition. Resolution 1965 was adopted by a roll call vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Ayes: Armstrong, Barlow, Blair, Blankenship, Elliff, Ensor, Hardesty, Harrison, Otero, and Snow.

During closing comments, Mr. Snow thanked Chief Huntley for the weather reports and congratulated seniors on their graduation, Ms. Ensor thanked the students who were in attendance at the meeting.

Ms. Ensor made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Harrison, to close the meeting according to Section 610.021 (2) the Agenda includes the possibility of a vote to close part of the meeting to discuss leasing, purchase or sale of real estate by a public governmental body where public knowledge of the transaction might adversely affect the legal consideration therefor followed by a roll call vote on the board of 10 yeas and no nays. Ayes: Armstrong, Barlow, Blair, Blankenship, Elliff, Ensor, Hardesty, Harrison, Otero, and Snow. Motion carried at 7:00 p.m.

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Mr. Armstrong made a motion, seconded by Mr. Barlow to return to the regular session of the Council Meeting at 7:17 p.m. followed by a roll call vote of 10 yeas and no nays. Ayes: Armstrong, Barlow, Blair, Blankenship, Elliff, Ensor, Hardesty, Harrison, Otero, and Snow. Motion carried.

Mr. Barlow made a motion, seconded by Mr. Armstrong to adjourn the regular session of the Council Meeting. Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 7:19 p.m.

Dan Rife, Mayor

Traci Cox, City Clerk